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A Keytesville Woman

Came into our grocery last Saturday. She said she had been reading our advertisements about Blanke's Roasted Coffee. She said she was very particular about the things she ate and drank. She said she would try a pound of Blanke's Coffee, and if it wasn't first-class she would come back and get her money. We told her all right. Did she come back for her money? She did not. Instead of that she sent three neighbors around, and they all bought Blanke's Coffee. That's the way it goes. Hadn't you better join the procession? Twenty-five cents a pound.

Live Poultry

is what I want. Yes, all you have. I pay highest cash price. I want 2,000 pounds.....

Eggs! Eggs!

Highest cash price. Bring them to me.

18 pounds best granulated sugar for \$1

S. M. WHITE,

PHONE 26.

KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI

STORMS OF THE WEEK.

A Tornado Visits Gainesville, Ga., Killing One Hundred People and Destroying Much Property.

LOSSES IN RECENT TORNADOES.

	Killed	Injured	Damage
Georgia.....	100	100
Missouri.....	9	5	\$125,000
Illinois.....	2	...	65,000
Iowa.....	12	32	220,000
Kansas.....	4	36	370,000
Oklahoma	6	104	590,000
Nebraska	23	42	652,000
Minnesota	30,000
Scattering	2	12	400,000
Total.....	158	331	\$2,452,000

The past week has surely been one of events that will make history. In addition to the floods of the North and Central states, the South has been visited with one of the most terrific storms in its history. A press report from Gainesville, Georgia, says that just after the noon hour of Monday that city was struck by a terrific tornado, killing probably 100 persons and destroying a great many buildings.

In one building, a cotton mill, 500 persons were at work. The mill was a three-story building. The first story was left standing, but badly wrecked. The second and third floors were completely demolished and employees caught under the wreckage and mangled. The tornado was terrific in its fury. It swept railroad cars from the tracks and carried them out of sight in the air. Vast pieces of machinery, weighing tons, disappeared, and buildings were swept through the air as though they were pieces of paper.

Have You Seen It?

The most popular skirt on the market—the sunburst pleated. J. W. WAYLAND

THE GREAT FLOOD.

THE RECENT FLOOD WAS THE MOST DISASTROUS IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

Millions of Dollars in Property Swept Away and Hundreds of People Drowned and Killed in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Elsewhere.

Lives Lost from Sudden Floods

During the Past Fifty Years.

Sheffield, England, 1864.....	250
Leeds, England, 1866.....	20
Northampton, Massachusetts, 1874.....	144
Eureka, Nevada, 1874.....	30
Pittsburg, Pa., 1874.....	220
Toulouse, France, 1875.....	1,000
Szegedin, Hungary, 1879.....	77
Murcia, Spain, 1879.....	1,000
Galveston, Texas, 1886.....	38
Johnstown, Pa., 1889.....	2,142
Galveston, Texas, 1900.....	5,000
Topeka, K. C. and other cities in the flooded district.....	231
Total.....	10,152

There is no room for exaggeration in reporting the floods and disasters resulting. The truth—unembellished—is enough. The facts are appalling.

Probably never in the history of this country has such a calamity befallen the people of the Missouri valley. The "old-timers" will recall the flood of 1844, but the flood of 1903 is more terrible in its results. The loss of life and property in 1844 was small in contrast with that of the past week. Of course, in 1844, the waters were in torrents and the streams poured out their floods, overflowed the low-lands and even reached the highest points. But the property and people were not in the path as they were this year.

The reports from the districts west and north of us read like fiction, but they are not. The newspapers of to-day are not given much to sensationalism. The news-gatherer now deals in truth, giving facts, and it is possible the disaster of the past week was greater than has been painted by the most enthusiastic reporter.

Below us there has been awful results. At St. Louis, where the maddened waters of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers unite, the destruction was greater than in any previous flood.

It is hardly possible for the tranquil writer with cold types to tell all about the flood and its results. At Kansas City the loss of property is hardly possible to compute—while the loss of life in and tributary to the city is really appalling.

The metropolitan press, with its army of reporters, has been unable to collect the real facts—but what they have gathered is enough to astound the readers. The flood is not in one section or with one stream. The Mississippi, Missouri, Kansas, Kaw and Des Moines rivers have every one made a record.

The situation at Kansas City was extremely critical on Wednesday. The town was absolutely without public service, and if a fire had started in any of the business blocks, the complete destruction of the city would have been almost certain. Railroad service has been practically abandoned and the food supply is insufficient. The property loss is enormous. The town of Armourdale (where are located packinghouses and other es-

tablishments, giving employment to thousands of people) has been wiped from the earth, and the loss of life in that vicinity will be very heavy.

AT TOPEKA.

The reports say: There is ground for hope that the worst has passed. So treacherous has the Kansas river proven itself in the rising of the water, to-night so slowly as to be imperceptible, the five-mile stream is settling back into its rightful channel.

With 175 or 200 lives lost, millions of dollars of property destroyed, hundreds of pistol shots as signals of distress, blended with the agonizing cries of unwilling inhabitants of tree tops and roofs of houses, and the waters creeping upward and then slowly subsiding, and alternately changing hope to despair, the capital city passed the memorable Sabbath day of its existence.

SUMMARY OF FLOOD CONDITIONS.

Briefly stated, the present condition of the flood is this:

One hundred and seventy to two hundred people drowned.

Eight thousands people without homes.

Ten to twentyfive million dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Leading men have made a careful examination of the flood and all its conditions, and as a result of their investigation they give 250 as the probable number of lives lost. A more conservative estimate places the number of dead at 175.

The higher number is as apt to be correct as the lower. The number of dead is merely a matter of estimate.

Twenty members of rescuing parties tell of how they saw people drop from houses only to be swept away by the flood, and others tells of men who, terrified at the approach of the fire, dropped into the water, where they sank and did not re-appear.

This estimated number of dead does not include the large number classed as missing, who can not otherwise be accounted for. Neither does it include the number of people who are supposed to have lost their lives in the fire. In the latter class there is absolutely no means of arriving at even an approximate number of victims. The water is so high and the current so strong that all that can be done now is to rescue those in the buildings surrounded by water.

AT KANSAS CITY.

The following report was sent

across the flood Tuesday night by a reporter for the associated press:

Kansas City, Kas., is stupefied with the magnitude of the disaster. Everything in the bottoms has been swept away; the wreck could not be more complete. Armourdale has been erased from the map. Where that city of 16,000 inhabitants once stood is a torrential sea of water.

It is believed that between 500 and 700 people may have been drowned, most of them in Armourdale and the west bottoms. Scores of bodies have been seen floating past the James street bridge. Thousands of men, women and children throng the streets, begging for bread, but there is no bread to be had. Relief must come quickly, or the death list will be swelled with every tick of the clock.

The situation is indescribable; those who have food, no matter how small the supply may be, are liberal with it, to a fault, but thousands are starving. With the exception of uncertain trolley communication to Leavenworth, Kansas City, Kas., is isolated from the world. Looters are getting in their ghoul work and shotgun rule prevails.

Kansas City, Mo., was an isolated island Monday night, and its main wholesale and manufacturing centers were several feet under a raging sea of waters. The city was surrounded, north, west and east by miles of flood; its water supply was cut off, its lights were out and its street car lines were dead. It had practically no communication with the outside world by rail.

Fire was raging above the flood in many places in the west bottoms and there was no means for fighting it.

No communication in any way was possible with Kansas City, Kas., Armourdale, Argentine or Harlem. The three last named were wiped off the map and the Kaw river had made itself a new channel and was running 12 miles an hour and 25 feet deep where Armourdale was last Friday.

AT ST. LOUIS.

There were no grave apprehensions at St. Louis, where the flood's fury was due to-day. The informed predict great loss of crops between St. Louis and Cairo, resulting from the overflow caused by the joining of so many rivers at St. Louis. The Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri and Des Moines (all on a rampage) will send their maddened waters by St. Louis and the current has been so swift that old rivermen do not anticipate any great calamity at the world's fair city.

AT OTHER POINTS.

Perhaps the greatest damage (causing the most seriously-felt suffering) is among the farmers along the streams. In very many instances the entire spring and summer's work has been swept away. In many cases the growing crop, live stock, fences and buildings have gone down the stream of misfortune, leaving the poor toiler with nothing but remembrance and regret, and when the man was in humble circumstances (and a majority are) the loss is total. A loss is serious in proportion to its effect. A millionaire may lose a thousand and yet smile. A poor man who loses a hundred may be crushed—because it is more than he was worth.

But, the calamity is serious, no matter who it effects. De-

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CHAPMAN BROS., KEYTESVILLE, MISSOURI.

struction of property, loss of toil and disappointment to the hopeful are misfortunes. Destruction is destruction, and no person is benefitted. Everybody is a victim.

ALONG THE STREAMS.

Reports from towns along the Missouri and other rivers add to the seriousness. In Carroll county tens of thousands of acres of wheat and corn are under water. At Waverly, the Missouri river is ten miles wide. All bottom lands are covered with from 2 to 10 feet of water, and are depopulated.

A dispatch from Canton says that at least 100 families have been driven from their homes by the high water.

"Sixty miles of farms under water" is the report from Hannibal. Great loss of crops and live stock. In Hannibal much damage was done, the water standing 3 and 4 feet deep in many houses.

There has been much loss of property in Cooper county. The levee, 8 miles north of Booneville, broke Wednesday, and 20,000 acres of the finest farm lands in Missouri were flooded.

LOCAL.

So far as Chariton county is concerned none of the local streams, not even the Chariton river, have overflowed their banks. The Missouri river, however, has wrought a great deal of damage by flooding the adjacent bottom lands in Brunswick, Bowling Green, Missouri and Chariton townships. At Brunswick the river is 3 1-2 or four miles wide, the entire bar lying between Grand and Missouri rivers is all under water and the inhabitants have been forced to leave their homes. Water rose to a depth of several inches in the wheelroom of Owen & Son's flouring mill in Brunswick, and necessitated the closing down of the mill, but unless the rise continues it is not thought that any serious damage will be done to the building. The breaking of a levee in what is called the Brunswick bottom overflowed that rich farming section and drove the residents to higher ground for safety. The Cut-off lands are also inundated and many other farms from Brunswick to Glasgow are victims of the flood, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars, and the temporary abandonment of a number of homes. The wheat, of course, is ruined, but should the waters subside in time a corn crop can yet be raised. No fatalities to human life are reported in this county, and for which our people are truly grateful. Then, too, we have been extremely fortunate in having no overflow of streams in this county that are

The Criminal Calendar.

Constable Baptist Herman of Bowling Green township came to Keytesville Thursday with Earl Banks, col., who was turned over to Sheriff Veatch and lodged in jail to serve out a fine of \$5 and costs assessed against him by Justice Chas. E. Jaeger for discharging a pistol on the public highway.

As soon as Banks has appeased the fury of the law by "laying out" in jail his fine and costs for this offense he will be prosecuted for carrying concealed weapons.

Verily the way of the transgressor is hard, and especially so when he is caught at it.

P. W. Halley, who is the local agent for a wholesale wall paper firm, and who has his place of business in the office at the Brown house, mixed up with an oversupply of tangle-foot Tuesday. City Marshal J. W. Veal escorted Halley to his place of business and ordered him to "get in there and stay." Halley went in, but soon came out and proceeded to give the marshal a tongue-lashing. The officer started after him, when Halley beat a retreat into his lair and locked the door after him. He shortly afterwards raised a window on the west side of his wall paper emporium through which he blasphemed Veal to his heart's content and defied the officer to arrest him. Subsequently the offender was taken home by a brother, only to be gathered in by Marshal Veal the next day. Wednesday afternoon he was given a trial by a jury before Mayor R. D. Edwards, was found guilty and fined \$5 and costs. Halley pleaded his own case, and was alternately penitent and tearful and then bold and defiant. His fine and costs amounted to \$20.90.

At Hymen's Altar.

SMITH-MOORE:—Berl Smith and Miss Polly Moore, a colored couple of Keytesville, were married at the residence of John Locke, in this city Wednesday evening, June 3, 1903, Justice H. A. Wheeler officiating.

GILFORD-COY:—Thos. Gilford and Miss Daisy Coy, both of Rockford, were married at the residence of J. D. Luntsford, near Keytesville, Sunday, May 31, 1903. Rev. J. L. Swearingen clasping the marriage vows,